Font Manager

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A selection of fant families under cantrol of Fant Manager

For reasons of space, both applications described on this page

DeskEdit 2 is an exceptionally powerful desktop editor for Basic is also very easy to use.

- u Just open a window and type in your program. Press F3 to save it at any time. Press Ctrl-Shift-F3 and your Basic program will be saved and run interactively from within the Desktop - and if the name of the program is !RunImage then DeskEdit will run the parent application -Magic!
- u If you are using line numbers, these are automatically handled for you.
- u All Basic s abbreviations are automatically implemented.
- u DeskEdit provides all the search and replace options of Edit plus some very special ones: DeskEdit s QuickSearch can take its target from any marked text (to

Archimedes World s feature on programming editors (August1993) says of DeskEdit 2:

"With so many features this is an excellent choice of editor for anyone who programs. The whole feel of this product is one of utter professionalism."

and it s review of DeskEdit 2 (February

f you ve been taking advantage of all the font offers currently being advertised, then you will probably have discovered that having a large number of fonts stored on your hard drive can be more of a problem than a pleasure.

Finding the right style of fant out of a selection of several hundred is difficult enough, but if you use several font directories, you can end up generating the dreaded Buffer overflow error if the Font\$Path alias (used to identify to RISC OS where your fonts are located) grows longer than 255 characters.

Font Manager provides an excellent solution to this problem. It allows you to group different styles of fants (e.g. Serif, Cothic, Open, Headline, etc.) into unique font directories that are recognised by their distinctive icons. Double-clicking on any of the font directory icons will add their paths to Font\$Path, thus installing them ready for use. When you have finished using the fonts in a particular font directory, just double-click on its icon again. This

will de-install the directory, and remove its reference from Font\$Path.



editing, and this together with all markers and many other features is optionally Harness the Power of saved to disc when you save a program. programs and C source code - but it Desktop Basic and C with Moreover, DeskEdit is just as at-home with text (for editing Obey files, writing letters, or complete books), and with the C language, providing most of the features offered to Basic users (where applicable) with others added including a syntax checker. u A customisable Help facility gives syntax Help on all Basic key words. A Caret info feature gives information about the character at the caret; and a file information feature gives you information on any file dragged to DeskEdit s icon when Alt is pressed. u There are numerous markers and position finder features which make scrolling through your program to find a avoid typing), and you can specify that it will particular line a thing of the past. only find matches in PROC and FN u Plus Backup saves, special delete and definitions. u Special Browsers instantly build up scrollable DeskEdit comes with: lists of all defined procedures and functions. fully illustrated 70 page manual (with index) u DeskEdit contains more than 100 special key function keystrip combinations. smart quick reference card freebies, including a desktop dustbin and Acom s u A fully customisable Basic Indenter will format multi-file Find application. selected portions of your program. u An Undo feature lets you Undo and Redo your Stock Code: PDE2b Price: £26.95 inc VAT RISC Developments Ltd,

anks is an original little game that will provide many hours of fun. It runs in a window on the Desktop and multi-tasks with other applications.

The aim of Tanks is simple - to destroy the enemy base. You occupy a tank in the bottom left-hand corner of the battle field, and your target is the enemy base, represented by a red square on the right -hand side of the field.

To help you carry out your mission, you have been provided with an unlimited supply of projectiles and an airspeed indicator.

As the gummer, it is up to you to check the strength and speed of the wind, and set the angle of the turret and the power with which to fire your projectile. You also have to take into account the effects of gravity and air resistance on the projectile.

Through the Preferences window, you can adjust the wind strength, gravity, and target size, as

well as whether the game multi-tasks or



Tanks

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Trying to hit the target